

PATENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-4. (Canceled)

5-13. (Withdrawn)

14-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an implantable cardiac stimulation device consisting of:

detecting one of a resting condition ~~and~~ or a sleep condition; and
generating cardiac pacing pulses at a sleep apnea prevention rate in response to detection of one of the resting condition ~~and~~ or the sleep condition.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein ~~detection-a potential sleep apnea condition~~ detecting one of a resting condition or a sleep condition comprises detecting a sleeping state of a patient.

20. (Original) A method according to Claim 18 further comprising:
distinguishing between a sleeping condition and a waking condition of a patient;
timing generation of the cardiac pacing pulses; and
controlling the timed cardiac pacing pulses at a sleep apnea prevention rate.

21. (Original) A method according to Claim 18 further comprising:
distinguishing between a sleeping condition and a waking condition of a patient;
and
timing cardiac pacing pulse generation to pace at a rate greater than the resting rate in response to detection of a sleeping condition.